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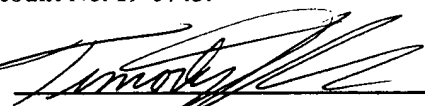
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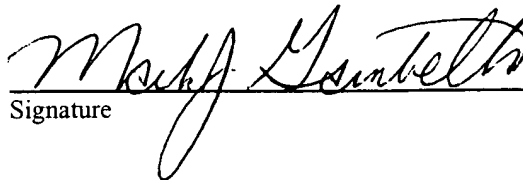
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Applicant encloses a Austrian Search Report prepared by the Austrian Patent Office in connection with the present application. The Search Report list includes a non-English European Patent Patent No. EP0986039A1 as an "A" category document. Pursuant to MPEP § 609, this category indication provides the concise statement of relevance. Consideration of European Patent Patent No. EP0986039A1 is requested.

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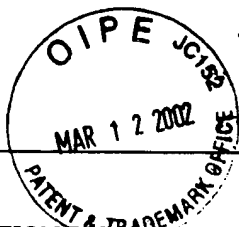
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